

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF PCT

1. (Amended) A disposable wearing article comprising an absorbent body, and a primary elastic member attached to a back portion of said absorbent body to extend a given length approximately linearly in an approximately laterally central zone of said back portion, wherein said primary elastic member has a linear convergent portion, and extends forwardly from the front end of said linear convergent portion in a forwardly divergent pattern and/or rearwardly from the rear end of said linear convergent portion in a rearwardly divergent pattern.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Amended) A disposable wearing article comprising a cover sheet, an absorbent body attached on a skin-side surface of said cover sheet, and a primary elastic member attached to said cover sheet to extend a given length longitudinally and approximately linearly in an approximately laterally central zone of said cover sheet, wherein said primary elastic member has a linear convergent portion, and extends forwardly from the front end of said linear convergent portion in a forwardly divergent pattern and/or rearwardly from the rear end of said linear convergent portion, in a rearwardly divergent pattern.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

What is claimed is:

1. A disposable wearing article comprising an absorbent body, and a primary elastic member attached to a back portion of said absorbent body to extend a given length approximately linearly in an approximately laterally central zone of said back portion.
2. The disposable wearing article as defined in claim 1, wherein said primary elastic member has a linear convergent portion, and extends forwardly from the front end of said linear convergent portion in a forwardly divergent pattern.
3. The disposable wearing article as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein said primary elastic member has a linear convergent portion, and extends rearwardly from the rear end of said linear convergent portion in a rearwardly divergent pattern.
4. The disposable wearing article as defined in either one of claims 1 to 3, which includes a secondary elastic member attached to each of opposite lateral edges of said back portion of said absorbent body to extend a given length approximately linearly.
5. The disposable wearing article as defined in either one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said absorbent body includes a pair of backsheets superimposed on one another, a topsheet, and an absorbent core, wherein said primary elastic member and/or said secondary elastic member are attached between said backsheets.
6. The disposable wearing article as defined in either one of claims 1 to 5, which includes a risable flap disposed along each of opposite lateral edges of said absorbent body.
7. The disposable wearing article as defined in either one of claims 1 to 6, which includes a cover sheet having an abdominal-side front zone, a dorsal-side rear zone, and a crotch zone located between said front and rear zones and formed with a leg opening along each of opposite

lateral edges thereof.

8. A disposable wearing article comprising a cover sheet, an absorbent body attached on a skin-side surface of said cover sheet, and a primary elastic member attached to said cover sheet to extend a given length longitudinally and approximately linearly in an approximately laterally central zone of said cover sheet.

9. The disposable wearing article as defined in claim 8, wherein said primary elastic member has a linear convergent portion, and extends forwardly from the front end of said linear convergent portion in a forwardly divergent pattern.

10. The disposable wearing article as defined in claim 8 or 9, wherein said primary elastic member has a linear convergent portion, and extends rearwardly from the rear end of said linear convergent portion in a rearwardly divergent pattern.

11. A method of producing a disposable wearing article, comprising the steps of:

cutting a cover sheet into two pieces in the longitudinal direction thereof, and spacing said two cover-sheet pieces from one another;

attaching an absorbent body to said respective spaced cover-sheet pieces in such a manner as to bridge therebetween; and

forming a leg opening.